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Navy to update public on leak

The U.S. Navy and the City of St. Marys will hold a public hearing on Thursday night to discuss contamination of groundwater near Crooked River Plantation.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Crooked River Elementary.

Navy officials discovered vinyl chloride, a carcinogen, leaking from an old landfill on Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base.

The substance was detected in ground wells in the subdivision which are used for irrigation purposes.

For more information, see related story on page 6A.

Water assessment public meeting set

Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, in conjunction with the city of St. Marys, has scheduled the next public information session concerning the contaminated groundwater "plume" discovered near the old Camden County Landfill for 7 p.m. on May 13.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the potential health risks associated with exposure to the plume's contaminants.

The plume, which is contaminated with volatile organic compounds, was confirmed in August 1992 by a Navy environmental study. Subsequent sampling determined that the plume had reached as far west as the Crooked River Plantation subdivision, where, as a precaution, residents were asked to discontinue use of irrigation wells. Public drinking water supplies were not affected.

Questions should be directed to Bob Steller, Public Affairs Office, Subase Kings Bay; telephone 673-4714.